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Filed: **October 15, 2001** Examiner: **Thissell, Jennifer I.**
For: **STANDING SEAM ROOF ASSEMBLY HAVING INCREASED SIDELAP SHEAR CAPACITY**

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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BECAUSE OF APPLICANT'S AGE
(37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c) AND M.P.E.P. § 708.02 IV)

Applicant hereby petitions to make this application special because applicant is over 65 years of age.

As a showing of this fact, accompanying this petition is a declaration by the applicant that he/she is over 65 years of age.

No fee is required with this petition, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c).

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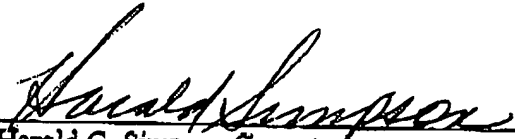
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APPLICANT'S STATEMENT

I, Harold G. Simpson, am 74 years old. I was born on June 17, 1929 in Leavenworth, Leavenworth County, Kansas to Homer Graves Simpson and Gertrude Marion Simpson.

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and correct, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Dated: 31 July 2003


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